

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICE DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NOS. 2019-210-E and 2019-211-E ORDER NO. 2020-141-H

DECEMBER 22, 2020

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DESCRIPTION OF DOCKETS:

South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for the Commission to Review the Community Solar Programs Established Pursuant to Act 236 of 2014 and to Solicit Status Information on Existing Programs from the Electrical Utility S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-40 (B)(1)

South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to Duke Energy Progress, LLC for the Commission to Review the Community Solar Programs Established Pursuant to Act 236 of 2014 and to Solicit Status Information on Existing Programs from the Electrical Utility S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-40 (B)(1)

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Request to Hold Procedural Deadlines in Abeyance

STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (together, the "Companies") request to hold the procedural schedule in abeyance to permit the Companies an opportunity to engage in stakeholder discussions prior to filing an application, as required by Order No. 2020-791. The Companies report that initial stakeholder meetings regarding community solar programs were held in the summer of 2019. The Companies would like the opportunity to re-engage with stakeholders to discuss the framework and design of potential new community solar offerings. Such stakeholder engagement would create an opportunity to update information shared from 2019 and to share additional information about changes to community solar program design by other utilities across the country.

This request does not prejudice any party to the docket. Therefore, the request is granted.

The Companies state they will provide the Commission with an update on stakeholder discussions and a proposed procedural schedule on or before February 5, 2021.